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FEDERAL LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2004 Homeland Security Appropriations Bill

On September 18, 2003, a Senate-House Conference Committee reached agreement on the Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2004 appropriations bill (H.R. 2555) for the new Department of Homeland Security (DHS).

The conference report and text of the bill have not yet been released. However, House and Senate Appropriations Committee news releases on the conference agreement indicate that it includes the following FFY 2004 funding levels for programs of County interest:

- \$1.7 billion for the State Homeland Security Grant, which is \$116 million less than in FFY 2003;
- \$500 million for a new State and Local Law Enforcement Terrorism Prevention Program;
- \$725 million for High-Threat Urban Area Grants, which is \$75 million less than in FFY 2003;
- \$750 million for Firefighting Grants, which is \$5 million less than in FFY 2003; and
- \$180 million for Emergency Management Performance Grants (EMPG), which is \$16 million more than in FFY 2003.

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Attached is a chart comparing the FFY 2003 funding level with the FFY 2004 funding levels for these programs in the House, Senate, and Conference versions of H.R. 2555.

The Conference Committee did not include any funding for Critical Infrastructure Grants, administered by DHS' Office of Domestic Preparedness (ODP), which were funded at \$200 million in FFY 2003. Despite the absence of funding for these grants, combined FFY 2004 funding for major state and local homeland security grants (State Homeland Security Grant, State and Local Law Enforcement Terrorism Prevention, and High-Threat Urban Area Grants), administered by ODP, totals \$59 million above the combined FFY 2003 funding levels.

We will continue to keep you advised of any new developments.

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Attachment

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**FUNDING FOR GRANTS TO STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENTS UNDER
FFY 2004 HOMELAND SECURITY APPROPRIATIONS BILL (H.R. 2555)**
(in millions of dollars)

| Program | Actual 2003 | House 2004 | Senate 2004 | Conference 2004 |
|---|------------------------|-----------------------|------------------------|----------------------------|
| State Homeland Security Grant * | \$1,866 | \$1,900 | \$1,750 | \$1,700 |
| State and Local Law Enforcement Terrorism Prevention * | 0 | 500 | 0 | 500 |
| Critical Infrastructure Grants | 200 | 200 | 0 | 0 |
| High-Threat Urban Area Grants | 800 | 510 | 750 | 725 |
| Firefighting Grants | 745 | 760 | 750 | 750 |
| Emergency Management Performance Grants | 164 | 168 | 165 | 180 |

* Senate version provides that \$500 million of State Homeland Security Grant funds be used for State and Local Law Enforcement Terrorism Prevention